

Child Welfare Clinical Review

Office of the Advocate for Children, Youth & Families

Bureau of Children's Coordinated Health Policy and Supports



The Office of the Advocate for Children, Youth & Families partners with behavioral health service providers, child welfare agencies, and other appropriate support people, offering consultation and technical assistance with the goal of strategically addressing complex behavioral health challenges faced by children, youth, and families.



Provide treatment recommendations and ensure access to needed services, supports and interventions for children, youth and families in the child welfare system and the child welfare professionals working with them.



The applicable child welfare professional should determine if the request for consultation or technical assistance is **urgent** or **non-urgent** and indicate which is appropriate when the request is submitted.

Urgent situations include those in which children or youth are:

- In a hospital emergency department for behavioral health crises.
- Experiencing immediate placement instability related to behavioral health crises.
- Experiencing an urgent need related to unmet behavioral health needs.

Non-urgent situations include those in which children/youth are or have:

- Experiencing placement instability related to behavioral health needs.
- Being considered for congregate care or transitioning between congregate care settings.
- Experiencing Unmet behavioral health needs.
- Experienced multiple acute psychiatric inpatient hospitalizations.
- Experienced multiple medication changes without clear rationale as documented or discussed among behavioral health and child welfare teams, youth, and caregivers.



The requestor should complete the [Child Welfare Clinical Review Request form](#) to the extent possible, and submit the form along with the request to: MDHHS-BCCHPS-BHHELP-INQUIRIES@michigan.gov.



Urgent requests will be reviewed by the Office of the Advocate for Children, Youth, and Families Clinical Support and Service Navigation section within one business day. Non-urgent requests will be reviewed within two business days.



The Clinical Support and Service Navigation team will complete a review to determine necessary information, resources, assistance, and approaches to address the request and coordinate with appropriate individuals to review all relevant information.



Involved participants will be contacted to obtain information and coordinate a shared review and response, based on the assessment of the request. Review meetings will serve the purpose of engaging in discussion and prioritization of solution-focused activities to remove identified barriers and take appropriate action to ensure immediate and ongoing behavioral health needs are met.